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For: **CHARACTERIZATION OF MIDDLE EAR EFFUSION**

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The information enclosed and cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449 is hereby submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the application. Applicants wish to disclose the following information:

REFERENCES

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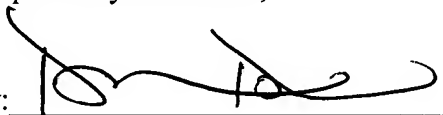
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